

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2018 Kodiak District Tanner Crab Season Vessel Registration Validation**

Vessel operators must validate their Tanner crab vessel registration with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participation in the 2018 Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery. ADF&G staff will begin validating vessel registrations beginning at **10:00 a.m. Sunday, January 14**, unless the season opening is delayed by weather as outlined below.

Vessel registrations may be validated at the following locations:

- Kodiak ADF&G Office (351 Research Ct.; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
- Kodiak St. Paul Harbor (Downtown; 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
- Kodiak St. Herman Harbor (Dog Bay; 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)
- Old Harbor Native Corporation Office (Old Harbor; 10:00 a.m. to noon)

If the January 14, 4:00 a.m. National Weather Service (NWS) marine forecast for Shuyak Island to Sitkinak (PKZ132) contains gale warnings for the current day and night, or the following day and night, the fishery opening and registration validation will be delayed for 24 hours. If after the initial weather delay, the 4:00 a.m. NWS marine forecast for the current day and night, or the following day and night, again contains gale warnings, the fishery opening and registration validation will be delayed an additional 24 hours. Delays may continue on a rolling 24-hour basis until 12:00 noon on January 25, when the season will open regardless of the marine weather forecast.

For additional information please contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

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